

female paratype collected at Oak Grove, Alabama, June 17, 1893 (H. Soltau Coll.); and a male and female paratype received from J. N. Knull, which were collected at Hope, Arkansas, June 5, 1922, by Louise Knobel.

The dark markings in this species are more or less variable, in some specimens the two black vittae on the pronotum are nearly obsolete, and the tufts of black hairs on the elytra are mostly replaced by tufts of yellowish-white hairs.

This species is allied to *terraecolor* Horn, but in that species the pubescence is more ochraceous, without the longer tufts of black hairs on the elytra, sides of pronotum arcuately rounded without a distinct lateral tubercle, antennae longer, and the elytra without the longitudinal black vittae along the lateral margins.

A NEW CUBAN TERMITE.

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Dr. Barbour and Mr. Brooks recently collected a new termite in Cuba. It is characterized by dark antennae, rather narrow nasus, and short points to the mandibles.

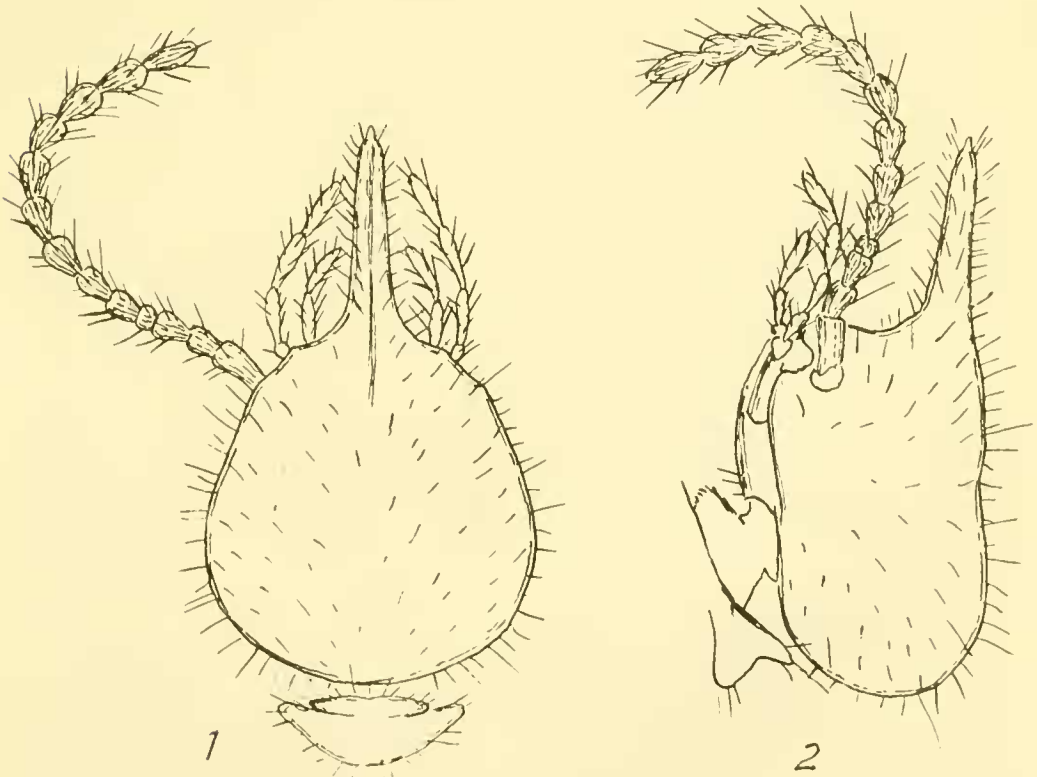


Fig. 1. *Nasutitermes (Tenuirostritermes) brooksi*. Dorsal view of head and pronotum.

Fig. 2. *Nasutitermes (Tenuirostritermes) brooksi*. Lateral view of head and pronotum.

Drawings by Miss F. T. Armstrong.

**Nasutitermes (*Tenuirostritermes*) *brooksi***, new species.

*Soldier*.—Head light yellow-brown (light castaneous), lighter colored posteriorly; widest posteriorly, narrowed anteriorly, slightly constricted at about middle, slightly convex in profile except for depression at middle; with dense fairly long hairs, and longer hairs on the anterior and posterior portions; a small process on front of head between antennae and nasus. Nasus reddish-brown to blackish, elongate, slender, conical, with dense fairly long hairs. Mandibles with sharp points, but points fairly short.

Antenna grey-brown, with 12-13 segments, segments relatively short, with long hairs; second and third segments approximately equal (subequal); when 13 segmented, fourth segment short and ring-like; when 12 segmented, fourth segment approximately as long as or longer than third and broader; fifth segment longer; segments become longer and broader towards apex; last segment slender and sub-elliptical.

Pronotum light yellow-brown, darker anteriorly; saddle-shaped, anterior margin high, rounded, slightly emarginate, posterior margin rounded, emarginate with short and long hairs.

Legs yellowish, fairly elongate and slender, with long hairs.

Abdomen grey-brown, with dense fairly long hairs, a row of longer hairs at the base of each tergite; cerci fairly prominent.

*Measurements:*

Length of entire soldier: 2.20 mm.

Length of head with nasus: 1.10 mm.

Length of head to anterior: 0.70 mm.

Length of nasus: 0.40 mm.

Length of pronotum: 0.20 mm.

Length of hind tibia: 0.90 mm.

Width of head (at posterior, where widest): 0.65 mm.

Width of head (at anterior, where narrowest): 0.45 mm.

Width of pronotum: 0.35 mm.

The soldier of *T. brooksi* Snyder, though smaller, is similar in size and shape to *Obtusitermes aequalis* Snyder from Cuba, but is darker and has one more segment to the antennae and has points to the mandibles; *O. aequalis* may be a *Tenuirostritermes*.

Post-clypeus of worker dirty white with tinge of yellow, about one-half as long as broad, arched, with long hairs.

*Type locality*.—Soledad, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Described from a series of soldiers and workers collected by Dr. T. Barbour and Mr. Winthrop Sprague Brooks at the type locality, under stone?, in April, 1924. Named in honor of Mr. Brooks of the Boston Society of Natural History.

*Type, soldier*.—Cat. No. 15067, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass. Paratype in U. S. N. M.